

## **REMARKS**

The Examiner rejects claims 1-18 in view of EPO '186 combined with either Namie or Fischer.

### **(1) Argument**

The present invention is a structure regarding a check valve for shock absorber, to solve the unique problems that are different from the ones of a structure of a tensioner or sprinkler head. The present invention has different object and effect from the cited references.

The cited reference of Fischer, since the spring is fitted, it does not have a problem caused by the rotation of the spring. Further, on the cited reference, the spring is arranged in the structure to adjust the height, but it does not comprise a check valve.

The cited reference of Namie has a structure providing a tension spring arranged as being assembled in a sleeve, but it does not have a structure that the spring pushes the valve plate of the check valve.

On the present invention, in the case that the spring pushing the valve plate surface of the check valve is assembled, when the end portion of the spring rotates and slides on the valve plate surface of the check valve, the end portion of the spring does not get under the check valve, and does not get caught in the portion between the bottom piece and the check valve. The present invention is to solve the unique problems of the check valve.

The present invention is different from the cited references in its technical field.

(2) As for the amendment on Claim 1, please refer to the foregoing.

(3) Comparison with the cited references;

The cited references do not disclose the point solving the problem that when the end portion of the spring rotates and slides on the valve plate surface of the check valve, the end portion of the spring gets under the valve plate, and gets caught between the bottom piece and the valve plate. Further, the cited references do not have the same

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construction of a check valve of the present invention; i.e. the constructions of the cited references are not the constructions of the check valves of the hydraulic shock absorber.

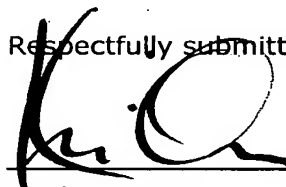
(4) Construction and effect of the present invention;

Even if the end portion of the spring rotates and slide on the valve plate surface at the time of assembling of the spring, the spring does not get under the valve plate to cause the problems on assembling.

**CONCLUSION**

Applicant asserts that all of the objections have been overcome, and therefore respectfully requests withdrawal of those objections, and an allowance of this application.

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